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 Allen Tsz-Chiu Wong et al. )  
 Application No. 10/726,907 )  
 Filed: December 3, 2003 )  
 For: SYSTEM AND METHOD OF OPERATING )  
 THE SYSTEM THAT PREVENTS )  
 MULTIPLE CHANNELS FROM )  
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Group Art Unit: 2161  
 Examiner: Metjahic, Safet  
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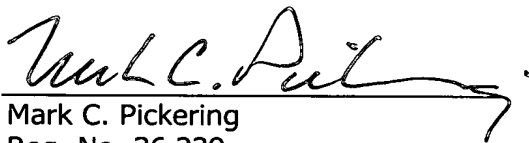
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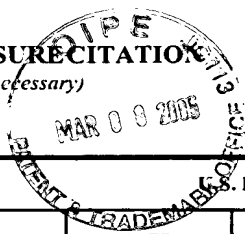
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